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## POLLARD HOUSE Studley Road, near Williamsville Hanover County, Virginia

VA: U3 MECHAX

Date of erection: 1803

Builder: William Pollard, 2nd

Present condition: Poor

## Description:

The house is of brick, laid in Flemish bond, two full stories in height with outside end chimneys, and low gable roof. It is L-shaped in plan. The front is five bays long with a square-head center door flanked by arched sidelights. The lower windows have nine-over-nine lights and the upper six-over-nine.

## Additional data:

Furnished by Mr. Albert W. Pollard of Richmond, Virginia, May 12, 1941:

This handsome brick home was built by William Pollard, the second, in 1803, which date is over the doorway. It is very close to Studley, the birthplace of Patrick Henry, and commands quite a view from the front lawn, which was originally terraced down to a large lake or pond. The place contained over 1,000 acres when it was built, and no doubt adjoined the home of his father, William Pollard, the first. This home is also still standing and but a few miles away, if you come through the fields. The name of the older home was Buckeye. Buckeye was a frame, Dutch colonial type home. William Pollard was clerk of Hanover County, and his son, who built Williamsville, was later clerk of the County. He served from 1781 to 1824, and died in 1840. The old home, Williamsville, had a very handsome garden, but the only thing that remains is the boxwood, which is about two stories high. This property in the last year or two has passed out of the Pollard hands, and you will find a description of the garden in Edith Tunis Sale's Historic Gardens of Virginia.

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